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APPLICANT: Maternus Partners Ltd. INVENTOR: Richard L. Watson Jr., et al PATENT NO. 6,443,958 APPLICATION NO.: 09/874,770 ISSUED: September 3, 2002 TITLE: UMBILICAL CORD CLAMP AND CUTTER	ATTY DKT NO. 80191.00002 SR. ATTORNEY: Paul Shanoski ATTORNEY OF RECORD: William H. Quirk Tuggey Rosenthal Pauerstein Sandoloski Agather LLP 755 E. Mulberry Ave. Suite 200 San Antonio, TX 78212 210.244.8844 wquirk@trpsalaw.com
TO: Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	

**RESPONSE TO DECISION ON PETITION
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.378(B)
AND
PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONAL
DELAYED PAYMENT OF MAINTENANCE FEE
IN COMPLIANCE WITH 37 C.F.R. 1.378(C)**

Background

We submitted a Petition to Accept Unavoidably Delayed Payment of Maintenance Fee in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.378 on November 19, 2010. On January 12, 2011, a Decision was rendered in which our Petition was Dismissed. Therefore, the Applicant is now petitioning that the Examiner reinstate Patent 6,443,958 due to unintentional delayed payment of the 7-1/2 year maintenance fee. We further respectfully request that the \$700 surcharge previously paid with the Petition to Accept Unavoidably Delayed Payment be applied toward the surcharge due (\$1,640) with this request for reinstatement due to unintentional delayed payment of maintenance fee in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.378(c).

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Unintentionally Delayed Maintenance Fee Payment

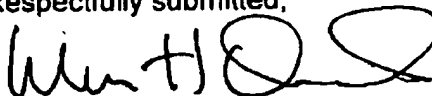
For reasons previously submitted and for other reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the delay in payment of the maintenance fee was unintentional.

Surcharge Fee

The maintenance fee of \$1,240 and surcharge of \$700 were paid on November 17, 2010 when we submitted the previous request for reinstatement. We respectfully request that the \$700 surcharge previously paid be applied toward the \$1,640 surcharge required for the Unintentionally Delayed Maintenance Fee Payment reinstatement request being submitted now. Therefore, we are submitting a surcharge fee of \$940 with this application.

The Office is authorized to deduct any deficient fees or apply any excess fees to deposit account 502248.

Respectfully submitted,



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